NOTE IX.

MUSCICAPA RUFIGULA.

Note on *Muscicapa rufigula.* »Kuhl."

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'Musc. rufigula, K. v. H. Mus. Lugd.

Latere superiori bruneo olivaceo, collo infra pectoreque ochraceo-fulvis, abdomine albido: rostro bruneo: oculis bruneis: pedibus albo-brunescentibus, pallidis.'

'In sylvis ad lacum vernam. In den Rosamalawäldern d. Pangerango. Zerstückte Coleopt. im Magen.'

The following is a literal transcript, kindly made for me by my friend Mr. Büttikofer, to whom I am indebted for so much assistance during my visit to Leyden, of the original description given by Kuhl in his MSS., which are still preserved in the Archives of the Leyden Museum. Unfortunately, although the description indicates the existence of a type in the latter collection, no specimen can be found which will answer at all to the characters given by the author above quoted. The specific name, however, was adopted by S. Müller, and subsequent authors, as follows.

Erythrosterna rufigula, Müller, in van der Hoeven's Tijdschrift, 1835, p. 351: Bp. Consp. 1, p. 319.

Muscicapa rufigularis, Gray, Handl. B. 1, p. 323, nº. 4845.

A careful perusal of the description convinces me that *Muscicapa rufigula* is the female of *Muscicapa luteola*, Pall. (*M. mugimaki*, Temm.). There are some specimens of this bird from Java in the Leyden collection, though of more recent date than Kuhl's expedition, and it would appear to visit the Indo-Malayan islands on migration, as the British Museum has recently obtained a considerable series from North-Western Borneo, collected by the Hon. Hugh Low.

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